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AGRICULTURAL LOAN BY CO OPERATIVE BANKS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the share of loans disbursed to agriculture sector out of the total loans disbursed by the cooperative banks during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the share of agriculture loan by co-operative banks is decreasing; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) to (c) : The total loans disbursed by Cooperative Banks in the last three years and during the current year, is given below :

(Rs. Crore)

Year	Total Loans disbursed by Cooperative Banks	Loans disbursed to agriculture sector	% of Agriculture loan to total loans
2005-06	50,226	39,786	79
2006-07	55,727	42,480	76
2007-08(Provisional)	58,902	43,684	74
2008-09 (upto 31 October 2008)	Not available	21,978	Not available

(Source : NABARD)

Although the percentage share of loans disbursed by Cooperative Banks in the agricultural sector has come down marginally, it has increased in absolute terms in the last three years.